



## SCFH HIKE SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2016 THROUGH SPRING 2017

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DATE	TITLE	LEADER	STARTING POINTS	MILEAGE/DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY	NOTES
OCT. 26 WED.	PLANT AND ANIMAL SURVIVAL IN THE DESERT	RANGER AMY ROBERTS	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8:00 AM	3 miles round trip on the North Trail. Easy hiking.	Interpretive talk on how plant and animals survive in the desert. \$6.00 per car to get in the McDowell County Park.
NOV.19 Sat.	THE BOX AND INDIAN RUINS	PAM CISSIK	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8:00 AM  PLEASE Reimburse FOR GAS	3 MILES, Hard, 500 foot Elevation gain. Approx. 1 hour travel time to trailhead. Mid-afternoon return.	While not a long hike, it is rated hard due to the required Tonto Creek crossing and the 500 foot off-trail scramble to Indian ruins perched at the top of a bluff. Very scenic, Hiking poles, long pants, long sleeve shirts, sturdy boots are recommended. Water shoes for crossing are a plus. Bring snack or lunch and water. If water flow is too fast we will visit the nearby Black Mountain ruins instead.
NOV.25 FRIDAY	WALK OFF THE TURKEY- SUNRISE TO GOLDEN EAGLE	JIM GRAJEK	GOLDEN EAGLE TRAILHEAD (CARPOOL) 8:00 AM 1-WAY HIKE WITH CAR SHUTTLE- <b><u>DRIVERS NEEDED</u></b>	8.7 MILES. Difficult, 2200 elevation gain	We climb the Sunrise Trail to the Andrew-Kinsey trail, which we follow to the Western Loop. At the top we take a lunch/snack break before heading down and following the Sonoran Trail to the Dixie Mine Trail and back to the trail head. Bring lunch and 2-3 liters of water. Sturdy Shoes and hiking poles recommended.
DEC. 7 WED.	AZATLAN-EARLY PEOPLE SITE IN RIO VERDE	LEN MARCISZ	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8 AM	3.5 miles. Easy to Moderate, slow pace. Interpretive Hike	We will carpool to the Rio Verde Community Center to View early people artifacts. Then Len

					Marcisz, a local expert on the early people of the McDowells, will take us on a tour of an early people site and ranching area along the Verde River.
DEC 14 WED.	DIXIE MINE	JAN JENSEN	GOLDEN EAGLE TRAILHEAD 8:00 A.M.	Moderate 5.2 miles 700 foot gain, Sections have short, very steep ups and downs. (Similar to doing Overlook Trail 3.5 times)	Bring snack, 2 liters of water, sturdy shoes and hiking poles are recommended.  \$2.00 PARK ENTRANCE FEE PER PERSON
JAN. 14 SAT.	DEER CREEK TRAIL – A VISIT TO DAVY GOWAN GRAVE SITE	PAM CISSIK	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8:00 A.M.  Please reimburse driver for gas	Moderate. 6.4 miles round trip, 800 foot elevation gain, Approx 1 hour travel time; mid afternoon return, (Similar to hiking the Dixie Mine Trail).	The Deer Creek trail is easily accessed off of Hwy 87. The trail climbs a bit before descending and following the creek. There are some steep narrow sections along the creek. Our hike ends at the grave site of a Scottish rancher and prospector. We will also look for a nearby geocache. Bring snack or lunch and water.
JAN. 25 WED.	PERALTA TRAIL SUPERSTITIONS	PAM CISSIK	LIBRARY (CARPOOL)  Trail Access is on a bumpy dirt road. Please reimburse for gas.	Hard, 5 miles round trip, 1500 foot elevation gain. Approx. 1 hour travel time: mid-afternoon return. (More difficult than Dixie Mine with twice the elevation gain).	This is a popular trail that is a great introduction to the interior of the Superstition wilderness. We follow a rocky trail climbing steadily over 2.5 miles until we reach Fremont Saddle. Our reward is an incredible view of Weavers Needle and the wilderness areas surrounding it. Bring lunch, 2 liters of water; wear sturdy shoes, hiking poles recommended.
FEB. 4 SAT.	GEOLOGY HIKE	DAN GRUBER	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8 AM	Easy/Moderate, 2.5 mile loop	Hike will focus on old Metamorphic rock and deformation, with some interesting human history.

FEB. 8 WED.	PICKET POST	PAM CISSIK	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8 AM  Please Reimburse driver for gas.	Moderate, 6.5 miles round trip, 650 elevation gain. Approx. 1 hour travel time; mid afternoon return (Similar to Dixie Mine hike)	We will hike a portion of the 800 mile Arizona Trail that runs from Utah to the Mexican border. Picket Post mountain is located just south of Highway 60 east of the Superstition mountains. We hike to a saddle with great views. Those that wish may explore more of the trail as it heads south. Bring lunch/snacks, 2 liters of water, sturdy boots. Hiking poles recommended
Mar. 4 SAT.	BIRD HIKE	KATHE ANDERSON	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 7:30 am	Easy	We will carpool to Rio Verde Ranch. We might be lucky and see some eagles.
MAR. 11 SAT	ETHNOBIOLOGY	CAROL CARRIERE	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8:00 AM	Easy/ 4 mile round trip	We will drive to Browns Ranch and go on a interpretive hike led by Scottsdale Preserve Bernie Finkel to learn how early people used plants and animals to survive in the Sonoran Desert
MAR. 17 FRI.	WILD FLOWER HIKE. GRANITE MOUNTAIN TRAILHEAD, SCOTTSDALE PRESERVE	CAROL CARRIERE	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8:00 AM	4 miles round trip with approx. 200 ft. elevation gain. Easy hiking.	We will be out to spot and identify as many wildflowers as we can as well as identify and discuss features of other plants and shrubs typical of our local desert habitat. Bring along any wildflower fields guides you have.
MAR. 22 WED.	BARHARDT TRAIL TO THE WATERFALL	PAM CISSIK	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8:00 am	Hard, 6.5 miles round trip, 1500 foot elevation gain, approx. 1 hour travel time, mid- afternoon return. (More difficult than Dixie Mine with twice the elevation gain and starting elevation of 4100 feet)	The Barnhardt is often thought of as a gateway trail into the Mazatzal Wilderness. We start at an elevation of 4100ft. The trail is rocky at the start and then steadily climbs along the edge of a canyon. We will see incredible geologic folds on the canyon walls as we

					hike to a seasonal waterfall. The trail is narrow in spots and it is a long ways down if you slip. Sturdy boots and hiking poles are strongly recommended. Bring lunch and 2-3 liters of water
APR. 5 WED.	TO THE TOP OF MT. ORD	PAM CISSIK	LIBRARY (CARPOOL) 8:00 AM  Narrow dirt road to parking spot. Please reimburse driver for gas.	Difficult, 8 miles round trip, 1800 foot elevation gain, starting elevation of 5600 feet, approx. 1 hour travel time, mid-afternoon return ( nearly twice as difficult as the Dixie Mine trail)	Have you always wondered what it's like at top of Mt. Ord? Lots of communication towers but beautiful views of 4 Peaks and Roosevelt Lake. We will hike (not drive) the prettiest part of the old road to the top. Elevation gain is fairly gradual going up but there are more hills than you expect on the return! Bring lunch and 2-3 liters of water, sturdy boots and hiking poles recommended.

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